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Industrial Training

25X1A9a We will have requirements for industrial training relevant to land armaments production from time-to-time. I am informed by [REDACTED], however, that he surveyed the field without any success. Also, at this juncture the requirement seems marginal in that the analysts presently assigned to this work are current in these matters and developments do not seem to be proceeding at a very rapid pace in this field.

Beyond this, training at industrial plants seems difficult to justify on the basis of direct need, given the predominantly "end use" orientation of this branch. The most appropriate equivalent training might be obtained by temporary duty assignments to such counterpart offices as the Bureau of the Budget or the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller). However, it would seem probable that these offices are involved in matters sufficiently sensitive that they would probably not receive a proposal of this kind with enthusiasm. I recommend no frontal action at this time but rather that we wait and see what, if anything, develops out of our recent contacts with the Comptroller's office.

It seems to me that external part-time training in economics, the internal courses presently offered in report writing, statistics, Russian, supervision, management, conference leadership and effective speaking and the several weapons orientation courses are most germane to our needs. Also, I would like to recommend that on occasion our analysts be afforded an opportunity to participate in industrial familiarization trips in the fields of guided missiles, aircraft, shipbuilding and electronic equipment.

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